



**CITY OF LODI  
COUNCIL COMMUNICATION**

**AGENDA TITLE:** Donation of Retired Bleachers to Lodi-Tokay Rotary Club

**MEETING DATE:** January 7, 2004

**PREPARED BY:** Parks and Recreation Director


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**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** That the City Council approves the donation of retired Parks and Recreation Department bleachers to the Lodi-Tokay Rotary Club.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:** The Lodi-Tokay Rotary Club recently contacted the Parks and Recreation Department to inquire about the bleachers located in the Grape Bowl Field House parking lot. The bleachers were removed from service two years ago due to safety issues. All six bleachers are not handicap accessible, are not equipped with back railings or side railings, and are in need of repair. All six bleachers have been replaced with updated bleachers that meet all current guidelines and regulations for five-tier style bleachers.

The Lodi-Tokay Rotary Club will be responsible for removing the bleachers from the Field House parking lot and transporting to their new destination located south of the California border. The Lodi-Tokay Rotary Club is involved with the Centenario Rotary Club of Ensenada, Mexico, to build and equip a park and sports complex adjacent to a newly constructed school. The utilization of these surplus bleachers will be a significant improvement.

**FUNDING:** No City funds will be expended to accomplish this beyond the administrative personnel costs.


  
Tony Goehring  
Parks and Recreation Director

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cc: Purchasing Officer  
Parks Superintendent  
Park Supervisor, Wright

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APPROVED:

  
H. Dixon Flynn, City Manager



Dec. 15, 2003

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Mr. Steve Dutra, Parks Director  
City of Lodi  
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Dear Steve:

This letter is intended to formalize the request of the Lodi Tokay Rotary Club for the surplus bleachers that are stored at the Grape Bowl.

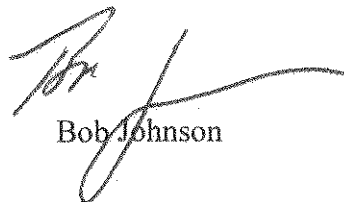
For the past two years, we have been working with the Centenario Rotary Club of Ensenada to build a school in an extremely poor neighborhood. Classrooms and a cafeteria have been constructed and at the present time a park and sports complex is being built adjacent to the school. This facility will not only serve the school children but also the recreational needs of the surrounding area.

At present, the only spectator seating available is a pile of rubber tires filled with sand. The utilization of the surplus bleachers will be an significant improvement.

If we obtain the bleachers, we have plans to truck them to Mexico where the local Rotarians will make sure they are installed at the sports complex.

Hopefully you will be in a position to grant our request. Please let me know if you need any additional information.

Very truly yours,



Bob Johnson